

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application and restriction has been required as to four groups: Group I comprising claims 1-9, Group II comprising claims 10-12, Group III comprising claim 13, and Group IV comprising claims 14-15.


Applicant hereby elects to pursue Group I claims 1-9 with traverse. However, Applicant submits that Group I and Group II are related to each other and should therefore be included in one group. Group I is drawn to a biological analysis platform. Group II is drawn to a device for reading the platform as claimed in Group I. The inventions of Group I and II are capable of being used together since the device for reading is used to read the platform of Group I and includes all the limitations claimed in Group I.

Accordingly, applicant hereby withdraw the remaining claims 10-15 which it reserves the right to pursue in one or more divisional cases.

It is believed that this places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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